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Case 5383A

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Erik Laridon, Robert Dankel, and Geoffrey Haas

Serial Number: 10/619,993

Filed: July 15, 2003

Title: THERMOPLASTIC ARTICLES COMPRISING SILVER-CONTAINING  
ANTIMICROBIALS AND HIGH AMOUNTS OF CARBOXYLIC  
ACID SALTS FOR INCREASED SURFACE-AVAILABLE  
SILVER

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: Unknown

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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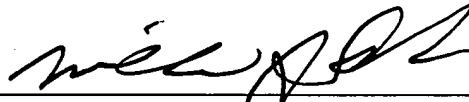
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And High Amounts Of Carboxylic Acid Salts For Increased Surface-  
Available Silver**  
Group Art Unit: 1732  
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Enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 (Modified) which lists various references submitted by Applicant for consideration. Also, enclosed herewith are copies of each of the references listed in the Form PTO-1449 (Modified). The Examiner is requested to review each of the references, indicate that the references were reviewed by initialing the Form PTO-1449 (Modified) for each reference, and returning a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 (Modified) to the Applicant.

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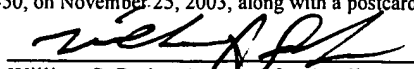
  
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	AA	4,938,955	7/03/90	Niira, deceased et al.	424	79	4/18/88
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None

Examiner

Date Considered

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